

AGENDA

For the Icklesham Parish Council Meeting, Monday 9th January 2017 at the Rye Harbour Village Hall, commencing at 7:00pm with a presentation from a representative from the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, the Council meeting will follow

1. **Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman.** The Chairman will invite a representative from the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve to make a short presentation about the plans for their new visitor centre and invite members of the public to ask questions.

(Please note that proceedings will be recorded.)
2. **The Chairman will start the formal part of the meeting and invite members of the public to comment or ask questions on any matters relating to the business of the Council (15 minutes.)**
3. **To receive reports and ask questions of the County Councillor Keith Glazier and Rother District Councillors concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters (10 minutes.)**
4. **Apologies for absence.**
 - a. To receive and record apologies for absence.
 - b. To consider any requests for approval of reasons for absence, if any.
Members are also asked to complete and sign the circulated sheet.
5. **Disclosure of Interests** - to receive any disclosure by members of personal interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any written requests made by members for dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on, an agenda item for which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. Members are reminded a) to repeat their declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question and b) complete the declaration of interests form.
6. **To consider and approve the signing by the Chairman of the attached minutes of the Council meeting of 12th December 2016.**

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

7. **Tree Works.** The Clerk recommends approval of the attached quotes for work highlighted in the recent tree survey rated amber and green. The total cost for amber rated works is £2,496 (reduced by £400 if access allowed from a neighbouring property) and £1,248 for green rated works including VAT (to be re-claimed) to be funded from 2235 *Tree Works*. Please note that, if approved, will result in an over-spend of the budgeted amount; the Clerk will therefore seek permission to vire funds from reserves.
8. **East Sussex ALC Spring Conference.** The Clerks recommends attendance at the event on Tuesday 14th March 2017 in Hellingly at a cost of £40; a councillor or officer to be nominated to attend. To be funded from *1104 courses and training*.
9. **Non-domestic rates for the public conveniences and car park at Rye Harbour.** Please note the report from the Deputy Clerk (deferred from the December meeting.) On the face of it the Council does not appear to qualify for further rate relief and Rother District Council has confirmed that the amount charged is correct. However, the Clerk considers that there may be scope for qualification and recommends that she is authorised to apply for 100% discretionary business rate relief/rural business relief on the public conveniences and car park at Rye Harbour, as the Council is a 'not for profit' organisation.
10. **The condition of the car park at the Co-op shop, Winchelsea Beach.** A resident has requested that the parish Council contact the owners of the land to request that the car park surface is put in good order (copy of email attached.) The Clerk recommends writing to the owner.
11. **Allotment Committee.** Following the Council's decision to set up this committee the Clerk seeks nominations for councillor members.
12. **Financial Matters**
 - a. Receipts and payments report for December 2016. Enclosed.
 - b. To approve items for payment in January 2017. A list of payments will be tabled.
 - c. Draft budget 2017/18. To consider councillors' and residents views on items to be included in the budget.

Matters for Information or Noting

13. To note the **Planning Committee** minutes of 12th December 2016.
14. **Programme of Works** for December. An updated list will be tabled. Council is asked to note progress.
15. **Correspondence**. None at time of posting; any received to be tabled.
16. **Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events**.
17. **Future meetings or events**. All to advise of future attendance at meetings.
18. **Date and venue for next meeting**. The next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 13th February 2017 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall, commencing at 7:15pm.